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The Colonial Cases.

Arguments in the Porto Rico and Philipnine tariff cases before the Supreme Court vere concluded yesterday, and we preiume that several weeks must elapse be ore we shall know what the decision is. Ordinarily, that fact would worry a naional public, excusably anxious to hear it last a judicial opinion which has been lelayed by means of executive obstrucion for many months. It happens, however, that the spectacle which Mr. Griggs presented of the armless and legless conlition of the Administration on this contitutional issue, in his argument before the court, leaves the American people in very little doubt as to what the outcome

Some of our contemporaries assume that ertain of the Judges will act in a dedea that only the casting vote of the successors of Jay, Marshall, and Taney on ness for several moons to come. hat bench, and that the Constitution is n no danger of destruction at their hands.

The Treaty as Ratified.

As, hitherto, we have analyzed the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty in the shape in which it was ratified by the Senate yesterday, it is unnecessary to go all over the same ground again this afternoon. The treaty as it stands, and as it will go to the Britsh Government for consideration, and acceptance or rejection, is, to put it plainy, a disappointment. After all the ground and lofty tumbling of our pretended rective in which they have indulged, they aave finally endorsed a treaty which forbids us to fortify an American interoceanic canal, and forbids us ever to acsthmus might some day wish annexation, inder the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

property and policy, which the latter expressly extended. The net result is a bitter disappointment to every American patriot, and, as such, must be a joy to the Hay Anglophiles, the Panama syndicate, the trans-continental railways, and the Administration.

We are much mistaken if a new and

profitable infant industry is not about to be added to the many which have so vastly enriched a select circle of American citizens during the past generation. This view is justified by the undeniable fact that one business success inevitably leads to imitation, where the particular interest is not safely monopolized in advance. Whether fortunately or otherwise there does not seem to be way in which the kidnaping industry could be organized into a private monopply. Unlike oil, sugar, tobacco, rum, and some other of "our best business interests," it appears to be exceptionally subfect to the laws of competition, and not susceptible of crystallization into an octupus trust under the genial and inviting laws of New Jerney.

The eminent success which has attendbutcher and packer, is morally certain to plants at all American centres of welpth. The mills of the gods do grind after all. In the future we anticipate that about this season of the year multi-million aires will make Christmas presents to leading kidnaping magnates rather than

those elements of enterprise and daring which are so generally associated with the American character. The start at Omaha we may regard as 'experimental rather than representative. It was a good working model, as one might say. It opens a vista of possibilities which we cannot sufficiently admire as adapted to

the prosperity of the interest. Probably the gentlemen who kidnaped young Cudahy and exchanged him for twenty-five thousand dollars were poor. of political economy as they certainly were industrious and frugal. They gave the lad nothing but crackers, or what such a scion of our porcine aristocracy would call "hard biscuits" to eat during the whole time of his detention, which lasted twenty-eight hours. They confined him in an old deserted shanty, and in other ways showed that their enterprise was still in its infancy.

It will outgrow that almost immediatebusiness, as demonstrated by the Omaha telligence peculiar to the promoting class to whom we owe so much for the successand activities. We may confidently expect that in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and other places where "wealth accumulates and men decay," there will spring up, or rather down, extensive and elaborate plants for the secretion or disposal of plutocratic children, and sometimes a plutocrat, himself, to give variety to the product. That glorious American ingenuity which has found a way to crack every safe that expert protective talent could design may now be devoted to the construction of luxurious underground secret retreats. where the wives, sons, and daughters of plutocrats can be hived safely pending egotiations, and so shrewdly planned that the police might hant the premises every hour without suspecting anything wrong.

In most other directions, the trusts and monopolies have killed competition. In the kidnaping line we do not see how they can prevent it. Of course, an individual mag-nate might recoup his losses on a given child, by pinching the infant of some other billionaire: but economically considered this also would be competition, and the worst kind-the competition of amateurs with professionals. Most of us remember bow the bicycle craze took root and spread like an epidemic over the country a decade ago. The kilnaping abit might have become equally prevalent if the first firm ined way, an effort at prediction which in the business. Messrs Mosher & Co., who we think is almost indelicate. One in-Idential journal goes so far as to say not been guilty of an inexcusable error in hat opinion in Washington favors the relation to the financial standing and ability of his father. The same mistake would Chief Justice will save the Constitution. hardly be made today. The men with We shall not even discuss such forecasts. children who are worth ten million dol-We should be false to our faith in the lars or more are easily to be identified purity and intelligence of our tribunal of and we have not a doubt that they really ast resort were we to permit ourselves the fact with some discomfort this evenhe smallest doubt in this matter. We ing. We are also satisfied that there will incerely believe that there are worthy be a boom in the private detective busi-

General Francis V. Greene is reported as having refired from Republican politics, in order, it is rumored, to give his individual attention to filibustering opertions which the Asphalt Trust may find it necessary to undertake against the Government of Venezuela. The magnificent monopoly which General Greene represents is unfortunate in that there is a question of ownership in connection with most valuable asphalt deposits in the South American Republic, between it American Senators, and all the fierce inthe Administration. The initial consequence of that condition is that the trust is not receiving the military aid from our Government that it could expect and quire an inch of territory in Central would successfully demand in other cir-America, irrespective of whether the cumstances. The case is a hard one. It is so unusual to see a great monopoly without the consent of England, which left in the vocative that we hardly know has violated and defied the same principle what to make of it. Perhaps if Coneral Greene's corporation should enlist the The Senate has been as weak in this services of some great international matter at the Administration has been lawyer like Abner McKinley, a way might

so very far off, and the mid-term elections come in and help England control our of 1902, are almost in sight. Perhaps it would be just as well to preserve the hole in monometallic legislation for the noble purpose of further scaring Wall Street into subscribing to campaign funds.

There can be no question respecting the very serious turn which military affairs in South Africa have taken. The press censorship is extremely strict, and we have to rely principally upon the small modicum of news which Lord Kitchener deems it advisable to let reach the public. We take it to be a strong evidence of the gravity of the situation that the British twenty thousand or more in the field under De Wet, Delarey, and Schalk-Burger, There is a suspicious flavor in such reports of an intention to largely increase th British force in South Africa. At all events it is plain that war, and not guerrilla fighting, but real war, is rife in that part of the world.

Captain Alfred Dreyfus, respected by the whole world, and universally sympathized with for his cruel and damnable persecutions by a coterie of villains. traitors, and perjurers, is living in peace ed the first development of the industry and comfort with his wife and children. in Omaha, in the kidnaping of young Cu- The bogus Count Es'erhazy, who was one dahy, son of the distinguished pork of the chief conspirators against him is s tramp in London and dependent upon lead to the establishment of kidnapin; the workhouse for something to eat,

Hanna's Idea of Patriotism.

(From the Utica Observer.) that, under prudent and economical management, the kidnaping business is more remunerative, considering the amount of capital invested, than any other of which we have knowledge. It is an avocation not only profitable but healthful and exhibitants, and one calculated to develop those elements of enterprise and daying the sentence of the patronism of the American people." Hanna's speech in favor of the Ship Subsidy bill

(From the Philadelphia Times.)

Democracy must be more than a mere opposition. It must have a positive faith and it must have organization on a basis that will bring into complete fellowship not only all Democrats, but all Republicans who agree with Democratic convictions on the vital questions of our bungling colonial policy and of the extortionate trust system that is today running riot in the robbery of consumers. (From the Philadelphia Times.)

Hanna's Big Trump Card. (From the Omaha World-Herald.)

We know that they belonged to the superior class, because they refused to accept the honorarium in anything but gold coin. This action, we take it, shows that they were as sound in their ideas, the side of the subsidy grabbers.

(From the Cleveland Plain Dealer,)

Biget the subsidy? It is the "outer" card, too, Just wait entil he delicately hims to the apposition is calculated to create a slumear of provisions at the pie connect, and there will be a Republican rush to "Not after dark," said Briggs with a superior smaller.

CULLOM'S REAVIEST FIGHT.

Illinois Senator Gone Home to Look

After His Re-election. Senator Cullom left for his home in Illinois last evening. The Senator will not the National Civil Service Reform League, parts of the world have come into the return until the Legislature in Spring- having in charge the subject of civil serv- United States during the year 1900, seekfield has settled the question of who is to be his successor. This time Senator Cullom will meet with pronounced opposition. Instead of having an open field, The report, in substance, was as follows: The possibilities of the kidnaping as he did six years ago, he finds a number of prominent entries for the race. example, will surely and immediately Governor Tanner announced some time ppeal to capital and especially to the in- ago that he was a candidate for the Senatorship, and the Friends of the Governor at once went to work with the result of ful concentration of our business energies securing sufficient pledges to prevent

candidate for Governor last summer. But the element that lends zest to the Sena-torial fight is the claim advanced by the members of the Legislature, who come from the southern part of Illinois.

The contention is made that the time has arrived when the south of the State should be honored with the Senatorship. The middle and the northern sections of Illinois have furnished the Senators for a long term of years, and now, it is asserted is the openturity for the such erted, is the opportunity for the southern part of the State to capture the Sena-

the only name thus far mentioned as the one to be presented to the Legislature as the choice of southern Illinois is Representative George W. Smith, of Murphysboro. He is called the Tom Platt

by the fact that Attorney General Griggs, during his argument on Wednesday, was plied with apparently hostile questions by Justices Brewer, Harlan, White, and Brown. If these judges are hostile to the Administration's position and all of the others are agreeable to the Administration's position it leaves a narrow majority of one vote. It is recalled that President Harrison appointed Justices Brewer, Shiras, and Brown and President Cleveland apointed Justices Fuller. White, and Peckham. While no one expects that any After waiting a decent length of time Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, but, unhappily, it does not alrogate the detestable terms of that exploded, dead, and burled agreement which, on the contrary, it resurrects and makes alive!

As we ventured to remark this morning, the only respect in which the amended can be truthfully said to be an improvement upon the original Hay-Pauncefote Convention, is that the former omits the invitation to the Concert of Europa of the Concert length interesting fact that two-thirds of the Justices of the Surpeme Court owe their appointments to former Presidents who are now assailing the imperialistic policy of the Admisistration.

Friends of the Administration who

grasp at every straw indicating that Attorney General Grigg's contention will be sustained, are pointing out as significant the grouping of the Porto Rican case and the Philippine case together. This was done by Chief Justice Fuller at the was done by Chief Justice Fuller at the request of the Attorney General. The Porto Rican case is not regarded as a very strong one, whereas the Philippine case gave the Government a deal of concern. The friends of the Administration are now arguing that the bunching of these cases will result in a decision in favor of the Government on the general principle that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and in this case the weak link is the Porto Rican case.

press is talking about a Boer army of DECREE FOR MRS. MACDOWELL.

Coursel for Mrs. MacDowell, will to-morrow morning submit the referee's re-port to Justice Lawrence, of the Supreme Court. He will ask that it be confirmed, and that a decree be Issued to Mrs. Mac-Dowell. The plaintiff was the divorced wife of a wealthy Baltimore broker of the name of Brafman, when she was married to MacDowell on June 15, of this year in an Episcopal Church, at Norfolk, Va.

A NEW COAL COMPANY.

Nearly Three Thousand Acres Pur-

chased in West Virginia CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 21 .- Papers of incorporation have been granted to the Commonwealth Coal Company, having its principal office in Baltimore. Md. This company has purchased 2,800 acres of fine coal land lying twenty miles from Charleston and intends to develop it without delay. This will require the construction of three and a half miles of railroad to connect with the Chesa peake and Ohio. About seventy-five houses will be erected at once, and an electric light plant installed, for the purpose of using electric machinery for

ining the coal. mining the coal.

The price paid for the property was \$75 an acre. The negotiations were made through H. D. Rummel, of this city. The incorparators are all of Baltimore, Md., with the exception of Edward Dennis, who is a prominent New York Central Railroad official. The others are H. C. Kilmer, Hance W. B. Reid, William D. Allen, and Edgar B. Browning.

A Sundown Admonition. (From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

COLONIAL CIVIL SERVICE.

Report of the League Special Com mittee on That Enbiect. The report of the Special Committee of "The situation of the various territo-

ries brought under the control of the Govat once went to work with the result of securing sufficient pledges to prevent Senator Cullom's nomination in the caucus on the first hallot. And it is claimed that unless Cullom's nomination on the first hallot. And it is claimed that unless Cullom can get the caucus nomination on the first ballot he will be defeated.

The announcement that Governor Tanner had cheefeet of bringing out other candidates, well and favorably known, notably among them Representative Cannon, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, and Representative Hitt, Chairman of the Committee on Poreign Affairs. These two ventlemen have been in Congress for a number of years, and they wield a power of influence in Illinois politics. In addition to these there are several receptive candidates, who will announce then relieves the moment a deadlock occurs in the caucus.

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disgraceful to our Republic."
"It is, therefore, with much gratification that the committee is able to report an apparent recognition of these truths by the National Administration, and a desire to organize the civil service of our dependencies much best of contractions. pendencies upon 'he basis of appointment for merit, and ten re during good conduct and efficiency. This has been manifested in the first place by the character of those appointed to high office in the countries we thus hold, which, with a very few unfortunate exceptions, has been uniformly good and in several instances excep-

ly good, and in several instances exceptionally fortunate.

"We have further to note with satisfaction the course of the Philippine Commission, by which, if it be persevered in, the merit system will be established in the islands of that archipelago at least as the coursely and consistently as in any

is Representative George W. Smith, of Murphysboro. He is called the Tom Platt of southern Illinois, and is a power in that section of the State. So far as known he has not announced his position in the fight. It is asserted by those on the inside that Callom and Tamer, in the event of deadlock, will throw their influence to Smith, rather than see Hit or Canno win. The must be that Callom and Tamer, in the event of deadlock, will throw their influence to Smith, rather than see Hit or Canno win. The lithnois delegation in the House is Senatorship. All the Republican members are hoping that the Senatorial lightning will strike in their direction.

THE TEST CASES OPINION.

Congressmen Believe the Supreme Court Nearly Evenly Divided.

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In Congressonal circles the belief is rely expressed that at this stage the Supreme Court of the United States is a widely divided on the Porto Riean and Philippine tariff cases, and that the decision will ultimately be left to Chief Justice Fuller. Thus the court stands either 5 to 4 or 4 to 5 on the Government of the United States. This designation of the Cannot of the United States. This designation of the Cannot of the United States. This designation of the Cannot of th the competitive examinations under the Civil Service law. It would seem that a precedent of great force for the determination of this question could be found in the practice of the commission admitting to examination Tribal Indians, who, it is well established, are not 'citizens of the United States.'

"Since however the right of the Com-

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 21.-The employment of children in cotton mills and in other industrial enterprises in

this State will be one of the chief subjects to be considered by the South Carolina Legislature at its session next month. A great deal of attention has been given the matter, and it is believed

eling as quietly as the most luxurious of carriages, with no smell, no jar, no noise, and no vibration, answering to the touch as obediently as a perfectly trained thoras obediently as a perfectly trained thoroughbred horse, more untiring and swifter. It was a pure delight to speed along the roads in the keen autumn air, imbued with a sense of security and freedom. The machinery of these motors is very delicate, and will probably require further improvements to make it thoroughly practical; but, even at present, for amateurs, for invalids, for dilettantes, these luxuriously cushioned and absolute. these luxuriously cushioned and absolutely comfortable carriages give the greatest amount of pleasure, and promise to be the vehicles of the future.

IMMIGRATION OF THE YEAR.

Nearly a Half Million People Have Come to America. Nearly a half million people from other ice reform in the colonial dependencies of ling permanent homes. The details of the the United States, was submitted at the late meeting of the league in New York. ing with October, gathered by the Immigration Bureau, and published by the Bureau of Statistics, indicate that the immigration for the calendar year will reach ernment as a result of the late war with about 460,000. Of this number, more than Spain is in some respects very anomalous, 100,000 come from Austria-Hungary, anhas already given rise to grave problems other 00,000 from Italy, and nearly an-

fer his residence to even so nild a cli-mate as that which the southern part of

mate as that which the southern part of the United States offers.

The further fact that during the year 1900 the total number of immigratts com-ing from the Hawaiian and Philippine isl-ands into the United States was less than and the three Chited States was less than 250 indicates still further the unpopularity of a climate such as our own, even when joined with the material prosperity such as exists in no other part of the world, with natives of the tropics.

WARNED AGAINST SWINDLERS.

Minister Storer Exposes Fraudules. Schemes of Spaniards.

bly from Spanish newspapers, giving an account of some such matter, are enclosed.

"A large number of these forgeries, drawn on regular Government stamped paper, have at different times been transmitted by me to the Spanish Government, and I have personally urged the Ministry to exert itself to ferret out these flagrant and open swindles.

"The same scheme is in operation in regard to Great Britain, Germany, and Russia.

sia.
"I regret the number of American citiany attention to these letters. more the fact that many have allowed themselves to send money and even under taken the voyage in the hope of gettin property to which they had not the slight est claim.

THE END OF A PRINCESS

Sad Story of the Daughter of an Hon orable House. (From the London Telegraph.

A few days ago, writes our Vienna cor-respondent, an old beggarwoman, well-known to the police for her drunkenness, that the Legislature will endeavor to have a better understanding of the conditions as they exist in this State today.

The enormous increase in the cotton manufacturing industry and the employment of such a large number of operatives have naturally brought many children into the mills, and there is a desire on the part of the lawmakers to see that the children are not put to work too young. F. H. McMaster, a member of the Legislature from Charleston county, has just returned to the city from an extendant that the children are not put to work too young. The member of the Legislature from Charleston county, has just returned to the city from an extendant that the children are not put to work too young. The member of the Legislature from Charleston county, has just returned to the city from an extendant the county of the county of the part of the South Russian steppes, who be the mills and the conditions of Budapest. As she had lived for the last ten years entirely upon charity, there were few benevolent persons in that city to whom she was unknown. Clothed in rarge as she was, and always cowering at the owner of the county of the former remarkable beauty. Her story, known to some few persons at Pesth, was a lamentable cane. Born as a princess of a well-known Russian house, she began life surrounded by every luxury. She was, however, a true daughter of the South Russian steppes, will be prince few benevolent persons in that city to whom a size of her former remarkable beauty. Her story, known to some few persons of the south persons of the last ten years entirely upon charity, there were few benevolent persons in that city to whom a law sunknown. Clothed in rarge as she was unknown. Clothed in the last ten years entirely upon charity, there were few benevolen The Actor's Wife Entitled to a Divorce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A referee has decided that Mrs. Wilhelmina Maria Brafman MacDowell is entitled to a decree of absolute divorce from her husband, William Melbourne MacDowell, the actor, who was the husband of the late Fanny Davenport, the actress with whom he appeared in many theatrical productions.

Counsel for Mrs. MacDowell, will tomorrow morning submit the referee's report to Justice Lawrence, of the Supreme Court. He will ask that it be confirmed,

back here with his ideas somewhat shaken. He says he is inclined to believe that if legislation is required it should be more in protection of the mills than against them. He says the condition of the mill people is excellent, and he is unable to see just how this can be improved.

At the Pelzer Manufacturing Company's mills, one of the largest concerns in the country, operatives employed are made to sign an agreement that their children between the ages of five and twelve years will be kept in the schools provided by the company, and after passing the age of twelve the children will be put to work

sign an agreement that their children between the ages of five and twelve years will be kept in the schools provided by the company, and after passing the age of twelve the children will be put to work in the mill and kept there under the direction of the superintendent. This rule is said to be satisfactory and the Pelzer schools are filled with children who are given an early education before they are started in for their life work.

Other members of the Legislature are conducting quiet investigations, and it is thought that great attention will be given the question when it is called up by the Assembly.

American Motors Picase Englishmen (From the London Graphic.)

From America, as usual, comes the newest invention, a steam motor—traveling as quietly as the most luxurious of Physical Qualities of Cadets.

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(From the Kansa: City Star.)

In connection with the Booz case at West Point, it is timely to consider the recommendations of the Navy Department that the high standard of physical qualifications be restored at Annapolis, implying that of late years the average of bodily strength and manly force in the cadets has retrograded. The reason assigned for this suggestion is that it has become customary among Congressmen to appoint cadets as a result of competitive examinations, open to all comers. Naturally the persons assigned to hold these examinations are professors of schools and they do not take into consideration anything but the character of the papers submitted by the candidats. The Navy Department contends that that one acter of a family and the physical qualities.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Great Activity in All Fields of Human Endeavor.

shows unwented activity displayed in nearly all fields of human energy. Distinct movements toward some special or general achievement are clearly noticeable among all classes of mankind, in the material as well as in the spiritual field. Whether in the one or in the other, the tendency is toward the uplifting of all classes of society and the amelioration of undesirable conditions. The advent of the first year of the new century finds two of the great religious denominations especially intent upon the accomplishment of objects that shall rebound "ad majorem Del gloriam," and no less to majorem Del gloriam." and no less to the increase of the prosperity and survivors of the staff of Gen. John C. Fremout strength of the church militant. Thus the Bishops of the Methodist Episer all the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal the Bishops of the Methodist Episco and Church have issued a call for a Twentieth Century Thank Offering of not less than \$20,000,000, together with a united effort to advance the spiritual life of the second country. the endorsement of the last Baltimore Conference, which met in this city in the early part of this year. Reports that have come to the office of the secretary of the Thank Offering Commission show that already many the conversion of a line the shippards on the Delaware River seventy one vessels are being built. The cost of these ships will be about \$30,000,000, and the work is giving employment to \$2,000 men and distributing \$475,000 in wages each week.

Jean de Rezke undergoes the severest training to keep himself and by effort to advance the spiritual life of the nave come to the office of the secretary of the Thank Officing Commission show that already more than \$5,000,000 have been contributed toward the various enterprises included in this offering, which consist of aid to hospitals, women's colleges, support of poor churches, and orphans, etc.

Another enterprise of the M. E. Church Another enterprise of the M. E. Church is "the twentieth century forward movement," which was started by Bishop Thoburn, of India. Juring the recent General Conference in Chicago the bishop appealed for 100,000 members of the church who would consecrate themselves to work for the salvation of 1,000,000 souls during the closing months of the old century and for the salvation of 1,000,000 souls during the closing months of the old century and the opening months of the new—an average of ten converts for each volunteer. A commission was appointed by the General Conference with Bishop Thoburn as president, to have general direction of the movement. How far this movement has progressed cannot be ascertained at the present time.

have made resolutions similar to the one stated above, but of all the undertakings that of the Methodist Episcopal Church appears the most stupendous and note-

worthy.

The Roman Catholic Church, all over the world celebrated the advent of the last year in the old century with a midnight mass, which carried with it a large number of spiritual blessings and opportunities to the faithful. The advent of the new century will be made the occasion of special services in all Catholic churches and the Pope has already sent instructions to the clergy how this notable event shall be observed in the churches. By distinct the size of which find a ready market. shall be observed in the churches. By direction of Cardinal Gibbons, a circular letter has been sent to the pastors of all the churches, requesting them to honor the occasion. The letter is as follows:

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 14, 1900.
Rev. Dear Father: I beg leave to notify you libat our Most Holy Pather Lee XIII has graciously conceded the following privileges to be used according to the prudent judgment of the Ordinary on December 31, of the year 1909, at midnight, in churches and chapels where the Blessed Sacrament is kern.

h December of, of the year the Blessed Sacrament is kept.

First—The Most Holy Sacrament is to be exposed for adoration. Secondly—One mass of the Circumcision of our Lord and the Oct.ve of the Nativity is to be read or sung at the same hour. Thirdly—The faithful may receive Holy Communion.

A sermen appropriate to the occasion would be desirable, and after the mass the benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be given and the Te Deum sung.

You are earnestly exhorted to leave nothing undone to make this service as solemn and impressive as possible, and when amounting it please to remind your people of the deep debt of gratitude they owe the Sovereign Pontiff for placing within their reach such extraordinary spiritual favors.

Please to read this circular at all the masses of

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hristmas Day and of the Sunday following,
By order of His Eminence the Cardinal,
JOSEPH T. O'BRIEN, Chancellor. A programme has also been adopted ac-ording to which every Catholic is to be

tury, Joseph West, of Cumberland, Md., has been tury, doseph West, of Cumberland, Md., has been tury for discourses be given on the significance of the occasion; that Peter Pence which was collected in every diocese be presented to the Holy Father on the Feast of the Epiphany, 1901; that pilgrimages to Rome be organized on a large scale, etc.

The twentieth century being a distinct The twentieth century being a distinct Christian time-figuring, the Jewish com-munities, and such of a belief other than Christian do not regard the event as one to be celebrated with extraordinary cere-

Rico, noting the arrest of Eusepio de la Cruze, charged with the theft of letters from the mail. He was arrested yesterday by Postoffice Inspector Letherman, in charge at San Juan. Letters were found in the pockets of the accused man, who

A brief telegram to the Inspector reports the robbery of the fourth-class post-office at Folkstown, Ga. The postoffice clerk in charge was assaulted and all the postor of the fourth of the postor of the folkstown of the state noney in the office taken by the robbers. The name of the clerk, the seriousness of his injuries, and the amount secured from the office are not stated in the mes

CURRENT HUMOR.

Vo Wonder. (From the Yonkers Statesman.)

Bacon—I understand a member of the Anti-Imperialist League had a bad fainting spell the other day. Egbert—Indeed? "Yes; he heard his wife was about to appear in

(From the Chicago Record.)

"Harriet, you ought to give me my choice of Christmas presents once in a while."

"Well. Harry, I'm willing; do you want a lamp shade, a sofa pillow, or new lace curtains?"

(From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.) "When I was at the Paris Exposition last September--"
"If you say another word along that line I'll talk tariff reform at you until my tongue goes

Unsuitable.

(From the Chicago News.)

Jack-What reason have you for wanting to marry Miss Willing?

Tom-I love her. Jack-Pshaw! That's no reason: that's on ex-

A Good Combination.

(From the Chicago News.)
First Party-The miller's daughter is goin' to sarry that baker across the street-well, she's got marry that bases acreating the dust.

Second Party—Yes, and he's got the dough. Central location, good service, steam heat offices in Rutchins Building, or mer Tenth and D streets northwest, for rent very Zw to good tennets.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

The recent increase in the number of typhoid fever cases in Paris has directed attention again to the quality of the water in that city. The dawn of the twentleth century

The coming visit of the German Crown Prince to England will be unofficial, but he will be entertained with some ceremony at Windsor and Sandringham.

Des Moines, Iowa, has more horses in proportion to her population than any other city in the country. There is about one horse for every ten of the human population.

There will not, it is announced, be a number of petty kingdoms in South Africa, but the whole district will be one country ruled by one governor. England will have succression. Russia is very friendly to couples who celebrate

their golden or diamond weddings and makes them a present of a medal on each such momen-teus occasion. Last year over 600 couples received medals. Gen. Juan Luis Bueron, of Guatemala, who is

can consequently allow himself few relaxations, but he owns, nevertheless, one of the largest and best private racing stables in Russia. A few days since at Flint, Mich., a United

States patent, dated April 17, 1837, was filed for record. It is written on sheepskin and bears the signature of President Van Buren. The value of the land patented at present is only \$150. At Cass Lake, Mich., the other day a number of Chippewa Indian women made a raid on a restaurant and indulged in a pitched battle with the hand waitress of the establishment. The Indians were incended because of whites settling on their reservation.

Certain scientists who have been engaged in figuring out the age of the world baye reached the conclusion that this terrestrial planet has up to date achieved a duration of existence amounting to 250,00,000 years. This beats the record of all previous calculations.

The 112 cotton mills of Mexico consumed last has progressed cannot be ascertained at the present time.

All churches of the Protestant creed have made resolutions similar to the one stated above, but of all the undertakings

Servants in Germany have their "character books" duly stamped by the police, and in these are written full particulars of their conduct when in service. The employer keeps the book until the servant leaves, when it is handed over, after an account of the servant's behavior and the reason for leaving have been entered.

Horses were the sole guests at a recent dinner given by a company of English men and women who jeurney from London into the country for the sole purpose of entertaining their four-footed dependents. The menu included chopped apples and carrots and slices of white brown bread, mixed with a few handfuls of loaf sugar.

In Southwestern Connecticut the trolley corpora in Southwestern Connecticut the trolley corpora-tions are planning to construct lines reaching from ten to fifteen miles into the interior, away from the railway. They are to be so built as to make it possible for the farmers to ship their milk and farm produce over these trolley lines, bringing them to the freight yards of the railroad. An original device for evading the prohibitory An original device for evacing the promotory law was recently unearthed by plumbers in a house in Rutland, Vt. The liquor, stored in a secret nook, was conveyed by hidden pipes to a radiator in one of the principal rooms of the house. A small faucet attached to the radiator was the means by which the liquid was drawn off

A writer in "Le Yacht" is advising his coun trymen to take lessons in cable cutting. He points out that in case of war the ocean cables are one of England's vulnerable points, and that the gentle art of severing the cables "requires ability which it would be too late to acquire by the necessary practice when the war had actually broken out."

After working as a locomo-tve eng Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for just half a cenpatienter and onto Rairosa for just half a cen-tury, Joseph West, of Cumberland, Md., has been retired on a pension at the age of seventy-five. In all the years of his employment he never re-ceived the slightest injury, never had a wreck of any consequence, and at no time was a man of his crew killed.

His nucle, who ran away from home in 1834, at the age of thirteen, became a sailor and later a

MAIL ROBBER IN PORTO RICO.

The rich copper deposits of Alaska are beginning to be developed, the first shipment from the White Horse belt, having been recently despatched to Tacoma. This belt, which traverses a tributary of the Yukon, is twenty-five miles long and four miles wide. There is from 25 to 75 per cent office Department, is in receipt of a So to 80 worth 1 gold.

cipher despatch from San Juan, Porto New statistics regarding the greatness of Great-Rico, noting the arrest of Eusepio de la dent of musicipal machinery says it is costing every man, woman, and child \$23.92 a year to keep things moving. The police department alone costs \$3.61 per citizen, while the average debt per head is \$73.21. On the other hand, the per capita valuation of every resident is \$1,611.97.

in the pockets of the accused man, who admitted his guilt. De la Cruze is not on the roster of the Postoffice Department as an employe of the service at San Juan. It is assumed here that he is a civilian without connection with the department. No particulars of the offence are given in the despatch.

Mr. W. L. Peek, a well-known cotton planter of Conyers, Ga., is quoted as authority for the statement that about nine planters in ten in his section are unable to hold their cotton, and it is his opinion that the proposed warehouse system would prove of little advantage to a large manning the despatch. Mr. W. L. Peek, a well-known cotton planter of

One of the oldest and most remarkable women if Western Kentucky is Mrs. Nancy Mitchell, of Livingston county. Mrs. Mitchell was born Octo Livingston county. Mrs. Mitchell was born Octo-ber 6, 1816, in Livingston county, where see now resides with her son. She is the mother of cleven children, all of whom are living but one. The grandchildren are ninety-two in number, while of great-grandchildren she has one hundred and seventeen.

Between 300 and 400 men, all of them Jews, and nearly all of them residents of the East Side, met in the Sixty-ninth Regiment armory, New York city, last Sunday evening for the purpose of or-ganizing an exclusively Jewish regiment—the first of the kind in the United States—which they hope to have admitted in due coarse of time as a con-stituent part of the National Guard of the State of New York.

Wind Cave, situated about twelve miles from Hot Springs, S. D., promises to become as far as the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky. The C missioner of the General Land Office has received orders from the Secretary of the Interior to have the Wind Cave properly investigated by a special agent and geologist, to determine whether or not it shall be set apart by the Government as a national resort.

Prof. George Adam Swith of Glasgow, denies the report that the churches of that city are los-ing their grip on the workingmen. He says that ing tieit grip on the workingmen. He says that an eight years' study of social conditions in Glasgow has revealed to him much activity among the wage-eatners in the East End churches for their fellows, and that were it not for the working classes of Glasgow the evangelical tone of religious life in the city could not be kept up a week.

When the Government of Santo Domingo wants soldiers, writes a correspondent of the "New Orleans Times-Democrat," it simply sends out into the country districts and seizes them. At first the men seized are a little discontented, but when they find that they can do nothing in the army better than in their ordinary haunts, and that there is a pale, ineffectual ray of glory attached to the carrying of a gun and a cartridge belt, they can be nothing in the army better than in their ordinary haunts, and that there is a pale, ineffectual ray of glory attached to the carrying of a gun and a cartridge belt, they take a pride in their new dignity.

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King Victor Emmandai of Italy, who recently declined to accept the resignation of Lieutenant Bresci, the brother of Humbert's assassin, and who promoted him to the rank of captain and appointed him to the command of a fort on the Austrian frontier, as a token of his continued confidence in the loyalty of that gallant and must deserving officer, has now granted him permission to abandon the name of Bresci and to assume instead the maiden name of his mother.

Harvard University is to receive for its Seminic collection nineteen of the valuable paper re-cently uncarthed by the Egyptian Fund Society, centry uncertised by the Egyptian ratio cover-and which have been for some time in the hands of Cambridge and Oxford professors, who are mak-ing a sindy of them. Among the scrolls are some of Homer's writings, some possus by Sapho, some of the Emperor Hadrim's letters, and a portion of St. John's Gospel, which latter, although not sup-posed to be the original writing, is the oldest copy yer found.